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CHANGES THIS WEEK STATE ROUTE 17 PROJECT

Martin, Ga. – Georgia DOT announces Anderson Thomas Road at its intersection with State Route 17 will close Wednesday for 30 days as the grade of Anderson Thomas Road is reset to match the grade of the new, wider State Route 17.

The signed detour will route traffic from Anderson Thomas Road to Martin Drive to Hurricane Grove Road to Wedd Road and back to Anderson Thomas Road. If weather permits, Anderson Thomas Road will reopen by June 19.

This 6.28 mile long widening of SR 17 from Scott Road to the Stephens Franklin County line has a contract completion date of May 31, 2016. C.W. Matthews Contracting is building this project at a cost of \$46.2 million.

State Route 17 from Toccoa to Interstate 85 is part of the 2012 Georgia Statewide Freight and Logistics Plan outlined the most viable freight routes providing the necessary connectivity to accommodate present and projected future freight flow through the state. These newly designated Freight Corridors represent approximately 17% of the roadways operated under the Department, yet provide for efficient north-south, east-west and last mile access for cargo and goods. The plan identified the 50 highest truck volume locations and the most critical freight bottlenecks throughout the state.

DriveAlert ArriveAlive calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. ***DriveAlert ArriveAlive*** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA. #ArriveAliveGA For more information about Georgia DOT, visit www.dot.ga.gov or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE) (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNE) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).

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